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They'll preside at synod conventions this month

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TENDER LEAVES

MONDAY WAS A BAD DAY to entertain the Altar Guild. Diapers had to be washed, meals cooked for six, the parsonage cleaned up. How I'd get time to make anything for them, I didn't know.

It was a school holiday and Jake had come over to play with our son, Peter. He saw how busy I was and said, "May I help you work?" Because Jake enjoyed helping, Peter enjoyed it, too.

"THE TOP of the television set looks bare," I remarked. "I wish there was something I could put into that white bowl."

"Why don't you take that nice pot of green ivy you have by the kitchen stove and put it into the bowl?" Jake asked. I did as he suggested and it looks lovely. It was something I would never have thought about.

THE ALTAR GUILD came and went. Every time I glance at that ivy-filled bowl I think of Jake. When we moved here, we were told that he was the neighborhood delinquent and were advised not to let him into the house.

He played with Peter, so we invited him in, took time to sit down and talk to him to try to help him think more constructively. Like the growing green ivy leaves, Jake had started upward. Taking time to help him had paid off. Really, I thought, Jake had helped me, too.

—VIRGINIA FELKER

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COVER PICTURE: Photographed at ULCA synod presidents' conference in Indianapolis are (standing) Dr. R. R. Belter (Wartburg) and Dr. Harmon J. McGuire (Illinois). Seated: Dr. Dwight F. Putman (Central Penna.) and Dr. Frederick R. Knubel (New York and New England).

THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Churches should speak for peace

A plea that churches "speak to the nations" in an effort to reduce world tensions before it is too late was made last week by the seven presidents of the World Council of Churches. In a Pentecost message to the council's 162 member churches they warned that "the growing terror of nuclear weapons" threatens the "suicide of the world."

Christians were asked in the message to remind their nations that conflicts must be resolved by reason, not violence. Violence has "reached such a pitch that, when once unloosed, it is beyond human control." Words of anger and insistence on rights will not bring settlement of disputes, the message went on, but peace can be achieved by the "spreading of justice" and understanding of one another's needs. The third point reminded political leaders that "the whole world cries out for peace and all nations are members of one family with God the Father of all."

Churches should "pray for help and use such opportunities as God may give for counsel and influence in your own countries," the message recommended.

India discrimination charged

A Roman Catholic member of India's parliament charged last month that the government of that land was failing to live up to its declared policy of tolerance toward Christians. Prof. M. Ruthnaswami, president of the Catholic Union of India, said that recent acts of the government had interfered with rights guaranteed Christians under the constitution.

Denial of permission to foreign missionaries to enter India "at a time when there is a shortage of native priests" was cited by the Indian lawmaker. He also complained of hostile activities by anti-Christian elements against churches and priests in several provinces.

Communications Minister Raj Bahadur told the Indian parliament that about one-third of the Christian missionaries who had recently applied for entrance visas into India had been refused. He said that during a four-month period 66 American missionaries had been granted entrance permits, while 35 had been denied them.

Hits mission work of sects

"Unbelievable confusion has been introduced into several Asian countries by fundamentalist sects from America," Dean Liston Pope of Yale Divinity School said last month on his return from a four-month tour of 16 Asiatic and Near-East nations. Missionary efforts in Asia need to be "thoroughly revamped," he said, because rapid economic and social progress is causing Asian lands to "rush pell-mell into the 20th Century."

Revival of major non-Christian religions such as Shinto and Mohammedanism and a new spirit of nationalism threaten that "the opportunity to work in Asia will continue to decline," Dr. Pope declared.

Fundamentalist groups—most of them representing marginal American sects—"might better have been kept at home where we are accustomed to their excesses," the dean observed.

Mackensen release prospect brightens

Moving closer to freedom after more than four years in Red China prisons was the Rev. Paul J. Mackensen, ULCA missionary, who was jailed in 1952 by the Chinese Reds, presumably on es-

NEW PRESIDENT IN JAPAN

Warren C. Johnson, Japan secretary ULCA Board of Foreign Missions, gratulates Dr. Chitose Kishi, recently ted to head Japan Lutheran Church. Kishi also heads Tokyo Seminary.

nage charges. Until recently, he had n in Tsingtao prison.

Mr. Mackensen's release was awaited year after Geneva Conference nego- ons raised hopes that all American sionaries would be released by the mmunists. Of 19 then held, most e since been set free. Mr. Mackensen he only Protestant still imprisoned.

first direct word from Mr. Mackensen received last year by his parents, the . and Mrs. Paul J. Mackensen, Sr. of timore. Two letters then informed m that he was "well and sound in y, mind and spirit."

ast month another letter reached timore. Written from Shanghai on . 20 and postmarked March 8, the r said that Mr. Mackensen was "re- ing good treatment" and was looking ard to the time "I shall be permitted ve the Chinese mainland." He also reported that gift packages had reached him through the Red Cross "regularly since mid-September of last year." He described as "a real treat" a fruit cake that arrived on Dec. 23.

A graduate of St. Olaf College and Mt. Airy Seminary, Mr. Mackensen was ordained by the American Lutheran Church but was called as a United Lutheran Church missionary in 1946. He has been in China since 1948.

China Christians reported faithful

Further word from inside Communist China came last month when Bishop Rajah B. Manikam and the Rev. Gustav Nystrom, his interpreter, reached Hong Kong after a month's visit to Christian groups behind the Bamboo Curtain. The Indian bishop's visit marked the first direct contact between officials of foreign churches and Chinese Christians since the Communists seized control of the country. Dr. Manikam, American-educated leader of the Tamil Lutheran Church in India, is former Far East Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Conditions for Christians inside China were generally good, the Rev. Mr. Nystrom said. Mission workers face great problems, but church audiences are alert "and take down notes and frequently ask questions," he reported. He added that "it is dangerous to say anything about China."

Two other visitors at the Peiping church conference which Dr. Manikam and Mr. Nystrom attended were Bishop Janos Peter of the Hungarian Reformed Church and Prof. Joseph L. Hromadka, Czech Protestant theologian. Both are members of the Communist-sponsored World Peace Council. They were in China to lecture at theological seminaries at Yenching and Nanking, it was reported.

Bible Presbyterians withdraw

The 8,800-member Bible Presbyterian Church at its general synod meeting in St. Louis last month voted to dissociate itself from the American Council of Christian Churches and the International Council of Christian Churches. The synod charged "undemocratic leadership" and "exaggeration" of membership statistics by the two fundamentalist groups, both of which were founded by Dr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, New Jersey.

Dr. McIntire had been ousted as pastor of the Collingswood Presbyterian Church in 1936 by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. He and 1,200 followers then started a congregation of the Bible Presbyterian group, which now counts 88 member churches.

In 1941 Bible Protestants and Bible Presbyterians formed the American Council, with Dr. McIntire at its head. The American Council now claims a constituency of one million "orthodox Christians" in 17 church groups. The International Council was formed at Amsterdam in 1948. Both groups have engaged in incessant attacks upon the National and World Councils of Churches and upon most major Protestant denominations.

Bible Presbyterian repudiation of the McIntire councils came by a 76-16 vote. Delegates who opposed the action said they would split from the Bible Presbyterian Church, form the Bible Presbyterian Association. Dr. R. Laird Harris, Bible Presbyterian president, said Dr. McIntire "continues in good standing" as a member of the body.

Half million expected at "church day"

More than a half million German Protestants and visitors from other countries are expected to crowd into Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, Aug. 8-12 for the annual *Kirchentag* program. Th rally, sponsored by lay leaders in th Evangelical Church in Germany, aims t encourage participation in church an public life. Theme of this year's progra will be, "Be ye reconciled to God."

In addition to giant mass meetings, th program will include lectures and meet ings of various Protestant church group About 20,000 East Zone participants ar expected to cross the border to attend Roman Catholic authorities in Frankfur have asked parishioners to open thei homes to Protestant guests during th meeting.

In the United States this month t stimulate interest among possible Ameri can visitors to the *Kirchentag* was it founder, and president, Dr. Reinold vo Thadden-Trieglaff. One of the first func tions in the new chapel at Wittenber College was the presentation of an hon orary degree to Dr. von Thadden o April 23.

Bias charged in Near East

Religious discrimination against U.S citizens serving at the Dharan Air Forc base in Moslem Saudi Arabia was charge last week by Glenn L. Archer, secretar of Protestants and Other American United for Separation of Church an State.

U.S. chaplains at the base "refrai from wearing insignia crosses indicatin their Christian faith and conduct service with as much secrecy as possible," Dr Archer said in telegrams to Presiden Eisenhower and Secretary of State Joh Foster Dulles. "Catholic prelates subst tute lay attire for their usual religiou garb." He said that lists showing the reli gion of U.S. personnel stationed at th base are "regularly submitted to Saud Arabian authorities to assure them tha no Jews are among those assigned."

MURAL PAINTING IN NEWLY FOUND ROME CATACOMB

ee showing Christ talking with Samaritan woman at the well is one of several on s of ancient Christian burial chamber recently found on southern edge of city.

y abandoning its traditional position efending religious liberty the U.S. is ng a dangerous precedent at the bian base, Dr. Archer declared.

hodists want news

lans to replace the *Christian Advo-*, Methodist weekly magazine, with a nthly "family" magazine ran into ng opposition at the Methodist Gen- Conference which opened at Minne- lis last week. Major objection was church members would no longer e a national weekly news magazine nform them of major developments in world of religion.

A monthly which greatly limits its s content" and the "tendency to make ouped up in dress but watered down prophetic content" is basis for opposi-, said Dr. John E. Marvin, editor of *Michigan Advocate.* "It is regrettable t plans have gone so far that the Gen- Conference simply will be asked to ber stamp the proposal."

A monthly magazine that "does not keep Methodists abreast of current developments in the religious world" will be a mistake, agreed Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editor of the *Arkansas Methodist.* "Methodists need to know what is happening in religion. The secular press does not tell the whole story."

The *Christian Advocate,* one of the oldest religious publications in the U.S., was founded in 1826. The proposed change would substitute for it a monthly publication to be called *Together.* The *Christian Advocate* name would be continued on a pocket-size monthly for ministers and lay leaders.

Wrigley to ask reinstatement

The Rev. Victor K. Wrigley, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in suburban Milwaukee, who was found guilty of doctrinal deviation and deposed by the Northwest Synod from the ministry, will apply for reinstatement.

Mr. Wrigley's decision was announced

at a congregational meeting last month. The congregation had refused to accept the synod's decision, had voted by a large majority to retain him as pastor.

Northwest Synod officials had said that Mr. Wrigley could ask reinstatement and that the request would get "careful consideration." While the idea was "distasteful" to him, Mr. Wrigley said it seemed "that the door has been left slightly ajar" by the synod and that he did not want to ignore any opportunity.

Supporting Mr. Wrigley by a unanimous vote, members of the congregation adopted a constitutional change allowing it to call a pastor from outside the Northwest Synod. If the congregation is expelled from the Northwest Synod, members asked that it be permitted to affiliate with some other ULCA synod.

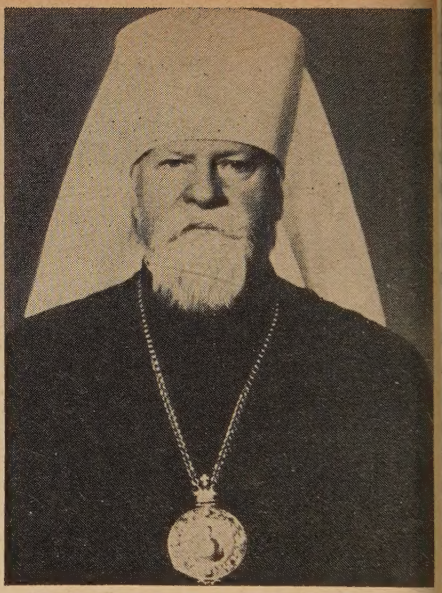
Last January the synod had empowered its officers to take legal steps against the congregation if it failed to oust Mr. Wrigley as its pastor. Synod officers met with congregational leaders last month, indicated no action would be taken until after the regular synod convention which opens May 15 in Milwaukee.

Lutheran encyclopedia started

A two-million-word Lutheran World Encyclopedia is being produced under Lutheran World Federation auspices with Dr. Julius Bodensieck, professor at Wartburg Seminary in Iowa, as editor. The massive work will include nearly 2,000 articles on Lutheran theology, history, biography, liturgics, art and church life. It will require "at least seven or eight years to finish," Dr. Bodensieck estimated last month.

The project will result in the most comprehensive and definitive reference work about Lutheranism ever published and will be "as nearly perfect as human minds and hands can make it," the editor explained. In co-operation with American and European scholars, a list of topics to be included is now being drawn up. Topics will be assigned to contributors representing every area of world Lutheranism.

The new encyclopedia will be the successor to the *Lutheran World Almanacs* published yearly from 1921 to 1937 by the National Lutheran Council and to the more recent *Lutheran Churches of the World* published in 1929 and 1952 by the Lutheran World Federation.



METROPOLITAN NIKOLAI

Second-ranking prelate in Russian Orthodox Church will lead delegation of Soviet churchmen to United States next month.

Internship plan discussed

A year's "practical pastoral training" for seminary students who would serve as interns or vicars in congregations or institutions was approved in principle by the Toronto ULCA convention in 1954. The Board of Higher Education was instructed

consult with synods and seminaries to k out details. The plan would take dents out of seminary classes between r middler and senior years to serve er the guidance of local pastors or plains.

n one of a series of discussion meet- being held at ULCA seminaries, 44 tors, professors and church officials at Philadelphia on April 16. They rd Dr. Karl Mattson, president of gustana Seminary, describe the intern- program required of all Augustana urch theological students. Dr. Vernon Strempke of the ULCA Board of her Education and Dr. Francis arer of the Social Mission Board out- d the program which ULCA semi- ies are being asked to adopt on a untary basis. Pacific Seminary has al- dy made it obligatory for all students, Stempke said.

Objectors felt that the year's absence uld interfere with the continuity of inary studies and that the lengthened inary program would add to the short- of pastors now being felt in some ts of the ULCA. Most approved the a of practical training, hoped it could put into effect soon.

s Christian unity gaining

Efforts to unite Christian groups are king "unprecedented advances" in nerica, Europe and Asia, Dr. J. Robert lson told the U.S. Conference for the rld Council of Churches at its meeting t month. The secretary of the WCC partment of Faith and Order pointed that merger negotiations, intercom- nion and efforts at closer fellowship re on the increase as church members e recognizing their responsibility in king the reconciliation of divided ristians."

Prayer is the neglected factor in efforts toward Christian unity, Dr. Nelson said. "The search for visible oneness in Christ is better carried on in the sanctuary than in the committee room. Jesus prayed earnestly for the unity of his disciples. How much more ought we pray for God's guidance."

"The Nature of the Unity We Seek" will be the theme for the North American Conference of the WCC to be held Sept. 3-10, 1957, at Oberlin, Ohio.

And so forth

Plans to make "In God We Trust" the official motto of the United States have been adopted by the U.S. House of Representatives. Passage of the measure by the Senate would put the motto on bills as well as on coins. "E Pluribus Unum" has been thought by many to be the U.S. motto, but was never so designated, congressmen said.

Only 13 per cent of the Roman Catholics in the Toulouse area of France attend Sunday mass, according to results of a survey announced by Abbe Pradier of Saint-Etienne Cathedral.

Next year's biennial convention of the Luther League of America will be held Aug. 12-17, 1957, on the campus of the University of Kansas at Lawrence. It will be the second university experience for the leaguers, who met at the University of Michigan last year.

Pennsylvania congregational meetings may legally be held after announcements have been made at any two regular services held within a period of 30 days prior to the meeting, a new state law provides. If the meeting is for purposes of changing by-laws, members must be notified at three regular services during a 40-day period before the meeting. One of the announcements must be made at the service immediately preceding the meeting.

World News Notes

UNREST IN SPAIN

In recent months the dictator's equivalent of a crown has been resting uneasily on the head of Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco. The passion for freedom which has stirred all of North Africa has compelled Spain to grant independence to its section of Morocco. There have been rebellious gestures in another Spanish possession, Rio de Oro.

Within Spain itself, discontent has emboldened two widely different groups—the laboring class and the student intellectuals—into open defiance of the government.

Labor's opposition to government policies has taken the form of a sporadic and spreading series of strikes. Living standards of the working classes in Spain are notoriously low. Climbing costs have sparked a demand for higher wages—all government-controlled in a dictatorship, of course. In January the government granted a 16 per cent rise, but strikes started in Pamplona and spread widely. Because of the press censorship which exists in Spain, no news about the strikes could appear in newspapers or be broadcast. Yet they continued to spread.

The student unrest is typical of the Latin countries. It may not mean anything more than the normal springtime restlessness which impels students in American universities to stage panty-raids while their Latin-American counterparts march through the streets shouting, "Down with the government." Yet the publication of leaflets and other agitation shows the smoldering desire for freedom and civil rights among some, at least, of Spain's students.

Among the victims of the Spanish government and its tie with the Roman Catholic hierarchy are Spain's few Protestants. Protestant churches are so weak in Spain that it's hard to see how they constitute any threat to the Roman Church's domination, but evidently fear exists. In the case of Spain's 30,000 Protestants, religious "freedom" means that they can worship quietly by themselves, but not ring church bells, advertise services, put signs on church buildings, publish any literature, invite non-Protestants to services, plus a host of other restrictions.

Recently closed was the tiny 73-year-old Protestant Seminary in Madrid. A poor little institution, it had a dozen students, a handful of part-time teachers. It was supported by Reformed Episcopal and Evangelical churches.

Notice of the seminary's closing was printed in American church and secular press. Spain's ambassador to the U.S., Jose M. De Areilza, recently complained of the poor publicity his country receives. Nothing was printed about the seminary's reopening, he protested. Either the ambassador was misinformed or was trying to "put one over" on American editors, who don't always fall for propaganda. On the day reports were circulated in some European capitals that the seminary was again open, World Council of Churches representatives investigated. They found the building still closed, its windows shuttered, its door sealed by government order.

Spain is eager for American dollars and American arms. If there's a threat to his power, Franco would doubtless be willing to use both against his own people. Meanwhile we should be aware that dictators didn't all die with Hitler and Mussolini. Some of them now play in our own back yard and call themselves our allies.

—A. P. S.

ASHINGTON

ROBERT VAN DEUSEN

INCOME TAX REFUND

MINISTERS WHO WERE renting or buying a home in 1953, and who had a housing allowance, are eligible for refund of t of their income tax. This was de- ed by the Internal Revenue Service on basis of three court rulings which nged the interpretation of income tax ulations previously applied to min- rs' housing allowances by the depart- nt.

Before 1954, a minister without a par- age had to pay income tax on his en- salary, even though part of that salary a housing allowance. Many ministers tested this ruling on the grounds that ousing allowance is the equivalent of ree parsonage, and should be tax- mpt.

When the tax law was revised in 1954, ngress adopted this viewpoint. Be- ning that year, the cost of a minister's viding a home was exempt from taxa- n, up to the amount of his housing wance.

roactive ruling

THREE MINISTERS went to court to test validity of the Internal Revenue ruling der the old law. In all three cases, the rt decided that the ministers should have been taxed on their housing wance. As a result, the Internal Reve- Service has made a new ruling, as ows:

Revenue Ruling 56-58: "The sum paid to a minister as part of his compensation 'for house allowance' is exempt from Federal income tax within the meaning of Section 22(b)(6) of the 1939 code. I. T. 1694, C. B. II-1, 79(1923) revoked."

The effect of this new ruling is to make the provisions of the new law retroactive. If it were not for a statute of limitations, the Internal Revenue Service would be flooded with claims for refund dating back to 1939, and running into thousands of dollars.

There is a three-year limit, however, on claims for income tax refund. Since the new law went into effect in 1954, only the tax paid on 1953 income is subject to refund under the new ruling. Application for refund may be filed any time before March 15, 1957, three years after March 15, 1954, when 1953 income tax fell due.

Claims should be made on Form 843, which may be obtained at any District Internal Revenue office. The new revenue ruling (in italics above) may be quoted verbatim as the basis for the claim. The main requirement is that there must have been *in 1953* an item for housing allowance in the budget of the employing agency. The refund should be about 22 per cent of that amount.

SOME EVIDENCE that there actually was such a housing allowance, and what its amount was, should accompany the claim for refund. This might be in the form of an affidavit by the treasurer, a copy of the budget, or a quotation from the minutes of an official meeting.

If ministers did not take their exemption under the new law in 1954 or 1955, it may still be done as a claim for refund. It would be wise to defer such a claim until the regulations governing the new law are published, so that the details of what may be claimed are clear. When the regulations are issued, they will be publicized in the church press.

Polio Mother Honored for Courage

Normal life in home, church and community is goal of New Jerseyite who has overcome big handicaps

By LUCILLE E. HEIN

THE TELEPHONE kept ringing all morning. "Yes, I'll be a district captain," one woman agreed. "How many homes shall I visit?" asked another. Answers came promptly from Mrs. Mary Biribauer, sitting in her wheelchair at her Cranford, New Jersey, home.

Enlisting four hundred women for the "Mothers March of Dimes" campaign in Cranford was a big assignment. Especially for Mrs. Biribauer—you might think—because both of her arms and both legs have been paralyzed since she had polio six years ago. But here is a woman who refuses to be unhappy or useless.

"ALL THOSE telephone calls . . . how do you manage them?" I asked, as I thought of the work involved in the Mothers March.

"I have a telephone headset and two good secretaries." Mrs. Biribauer nodded at the picture of her children. "Richard is five-and-a-half. He knows letters and numbers and dials for me. Surprisingly, he memorizes telephone numbers easily. He has a mathematical mind." Mathematics is a part of Richard's background. His mother is a whiz at mathematics and majored in it in college. Her husband, Frank Biribauer, is a chemical engineer.

"My other secretary is Lauranne . . . that's a combination of Laura and Anne," she said as I fumbled with the spelling. "She's eight-and-a-half and can take telephone messages and jot down notes for me. Her spelling could be better, but her service is invaluable."

"And then I have Helen." Mrs. Biribauer smiled at Helen McNeill, the nurse

has the second-floor apartment in the
bauer house. "Helen is more than a
se. She's a constant helper and com-
ion. My husband, Helen, my mother
my mother-in-law, Lauranne and
hard—they're my hands and feet."

MRS. BIRIBAUER was stricken with
nal-bulbar polio in 1950, a few months
r the birth of her son. "You can't
gine what it was like to have to leave
baby. I hardly knew him. And Laur-
e was only three-and-a-half. I was
aid she would forget me."

She was in four hospitals for a year
a half, progressing from iron lung to
king-bed to physical therapy and pool
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She paused for
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y treatments twice
week and medical
eck-ups—all taken
e of by the Na-
nal Foundation."

ne easily forgets
t Mary Biribauer
paralyzed. There
is such vivacity and emotion in her soft voice, snapping eyes, and mobile face. Such expression of energy in her body, although she must remain in one position. Her living room, in soft green and brown and blonde decor, is a muted background for her vivid brunette coloring, dark wavy hair, and her black slacks worn with a tailored white silk shirt, which she labeled "The latest style in wheelchair fashions."

IT WAS STARTLING to be brought back to realization of her handicap, when she and Helen McNeill demonstrated some of the equipment that makes maximum use of the faint muscular activity of one

Husband Frank is a hi-fi fan

She operates electric typewriter

shoulder and a few fingers. Two arm-rests hang on springs from rods that rise above her wheelchair. Fastened to her wrists and lower arms, these rests hold her hands at a level convenient for working at a table that slides over the wheelchair.

Amused by her own skill, she showed how she could hold a hinged spoon in some of the fingers of her right hand. "I use a baby's plate with high sides so I won't spill," she said, as she lowered the spoon into the plastic plate. "It seems so easy now, but how many hours I spent with the therapists at Warm Springs learning to do this—trying to spear slippery bits of fruit cocktail or spoon up apple sauce"

In her laughing manner there was no hint of the quiet desperation with which people like Mrs. Biribauer tackle the job of relearning such an elementary task as eating.

With this overhead attachment and her arm-rests, she can turn pages of a book, apply lipstick, type. "My typewriter, an electric one, goes on the sliding table. My arms are strung up like puppets. Someone puts a stick with a rubber tip between my fingers. And—I type! My stick hits one key at a time, but some people type whole books with only one finger."

To Frank Biribauer goes much of the credit for his wife's return to normal family life. "Frank and I have known one another all our lives. In our marriage, we share many interests and plan everything together. This was one of our family habits that made it easier for me to return home—easier than it might be for many women.

"We knew what the problems would be—home care for me, home therapy treatments, someone to do the housework. And the problem of space! People forget how much space a handicapped person needs—how much space the special equipment takes. We wanted to get a larger house, but decided to enlarge what we already had."

It was Frank Biribauer's associates at Esso Research and Engineering Company, Linden, New Jersey, who helped to make the house more convenient for his wife. After plans were drawn and financing was arranged, the men worked as volunteers and added two rooms to the house, built a room in the basement to house a small swimming pool where Mrs. Biribauer can receive therapy treatments, installed an oil-burner and a hand-operated elevator to take Mrs. Biribauer in her wheelchair to the pool.

"How they worked!" Mrs. Biribauer said. "And women from the plant came to serve coffee and sandwiches. The addition was ready just before Christmas, 1952, and we held an open house for Frank's co-workers."

"Frank likes to build," she said when I asked about the well-designed cabinet along one wall. "That hides Hi-Fi, radio, television set, tape recorder, record player, and storage shelves. Frank is a Hi-Fi enthusiast, and we decided to de-

a cabinet that would hold every-
ag. Frank built it. Then he bought a
Fi set in a do-it-yourself-kit, which
put together like a jigsaw puzzle. We
er have to wonder about gifts for one
ther—we always need a new gadget,
cord, a tube . . .

I'm thankful for that tape recorder.
as away from home for almost two
rs and could seldom see the children,
Frank made recordings of Lauranne
l Richard (mostly babblings from
hard) and played them for me at the
pital.

"You asked me about my hobbies.
ll—good music, reading, and televi-
n—what a boon that is to one who is
home so much. But, with all the tele-
ning for polio drives, my family, oc-
ional trips to church, stores, meetings
. it doesn't leave much time for hob-
s. And I have to rest. I can only be
ten to twelve hours a day, so I try to
y in bed in the morning. Then I can
up in the afternoon and evening when
my husband and the children are home."

Frank and Mary Biribauer are members of Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. Pastor Arnold J. Dahlquist knows the courage with which they have faced this changed life. "It takes courage for the husband as well as the wife," he said. "Frank and I had many discussions and prayerful sessions while Mary was hospitalized. I am impressed by the calm with which they meet every emergency. Every step they have taken has been hand in hand with God."

CHURCH PLAYS a big part in the Biribauers' life, and congregation and pastor have helped Mary Biribauer in many ways. When weather permits, she attends church services and participates in the Lord's Supper. She is a member of the Mothers Club, since both her children are enrolled in the Sunday school.

"Mary has such a quick and analytical mind," said Pastor Dahlquist, "that it is a pleasure to work with her. She has been on a committee which is setting up a program for United Lutheran Church Women. And has she a persuasive personality! She signed up a large number of women in this church as volunteers for the polio drive.

"Frank and Mary are members of the Couples Club, and Frank is chairman of our Stewardship Committee. Under his leadership and with his fine committee, stewardship has been given a new impetus. I think of Frank and

Chess game provides fun with the children in the afternoon or evening

Mary as true witnesses to our faith."

Mary Biribauer certainly is not housebound. She gets around far more than many women who have all their health. "I even go shopping," she said, as if marveling at her own good fortune. "Helen McNeill and I read the food ads in Thursday's papers and make out food lists and tentative menus for the week.

"The actual shopping is Helen's responsibility, but sometimes I shop on Saturday, when Frank can put my wheelchair into the car. At first I felt the chair took up so much space in store aisles and I felt I was intruding. But I have learned that managers, clerks, and other customers welcome me."

THEY WELCOME HER because she is an inspiration. Mary Biribauer does not realize what an example she sets for others in Cranford. A woman who had been asked to do volunteer work in the polio fund drive said, "I refused at first. There are so many demands on one's time. And then I thought about Mrs. B., and I gave myself a mental kick in the pants. If she could be a volunteer, I guess I could do it, too. And, you know, next year they won't have to *ask* me. I'll be on hand to help whenever help is needed."

It seemed to me that everyone I met in Cranford knew Mrs. Biribauer or knew of her—the woman in the diner where I had a second breakfast, the police officer of whom I asked directions, the truck driver delivering fuel at a house near the Biribauer's. Perhaps so many people know her because it takes so many people and organizations to create a new way of living for a polio patient.

In Mary Biribauer's case—husband, children, relatives, the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, church and pastor, friends from her husband's company, friends in Cranford and everywhere — all have played a part in creating her new life.

In January Mrs. Biribauer was named "New Jersey Polio Mother of 1956" by the state March of Dimes Committee—as an example of a mother "who has triumphed over the dreaded crippler and is waging a valiant struggle toward normal living."

As I talked with Mary Biribauer, I thought the wording of that announcement should be changed from "is waging" to "has won."

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THE GREEK WORD for tribulation is a word that pictures the grinding of wheat in the mill or the crushing of grapes in the wine press. The outside pressure, which appears at first to destroy, actually makes the grain (as flour) and the grapes (as wine) to serve their intended purpose.—HERBERT H. WERNECKE in *The Book of Revelation Speaks to Us* (Westminster)

IN THE CENTRAL PLACE of every heart there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, so long are you young. When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with the snow of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then and then only are you grown old. —DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

UTHERANS GOT EADLINES

ful public relations expert, Erik dean, helps newsmen tell the world ut events in the National Lutheran uncil and its member churches

CHARLES C. HUSHAW

MODEAN GETS CITATION
From Timesman George Dugan

BIG HEADLINES in newspapers through- t the Middle West called attention to a eeting held in Minneapolis in February the annual session of the National Lu- ran Council. Some eastern papers sent orters a thousand miles to cover the eeting. Telegraph wires carried the ry to all parts of the country.

This is the way National Lutheran uncil sessions are reported every year. iters have learned that there's news in ese meetings, and that it will be made ailable to them promptly and skillfully. The reason, as many newsmen know, is that the Council has a top-flight public relations official—Erik Modean.

IT'S TEN YEARS now since Mr. Modean joined the Council staff. This year reporters from a dozen newspapers showed their respect for this hard-working ally of theirs in an unusual way. They got together for a surprise party one night, and presented Erik with a citation which summed up their opinion of him: "A swell guy who knows his job."

The press room in a Minneapolis hotel seemed the proper setting for the big event. Erik even managed a smile when he realized that someone had "scooped" him with a surprise party.

Those of us who know Erik well are sure he wouldn't have appreciated anything more than a tribute from the top religious newswriters of the nation's leading newspapers. It was their way of honoring the dean of the Lutheran press corps.

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Many rural people felt that this service did not meet their needs, so at the 1950 ULCA convention in Des Moines, Iowa, a plea went out for the preparation of a more suitable service. In the meantime, many rural pastors have been using services they have prepared. A service written by Pastor Steigerwalt for the "Blessing of the Fields" has found wide recognition.

On Rogate Sunday, 1956, many congregations will observe Rural Life Sunday. Some will travel to the open fields with their petitions for God's blessing. Others will pray to the Creator and Sustainer from within church buildings. In some cases pastors from urban and rural churches will exchange pulpits on that day.

Rural Life Sunday is a day when the church of today unites with the church of history in asking God's blessing on the fields of springtime and harvest.

THE CLOWN WAS MY FRIEND

A small boy was disappointed when the carnival had to move but he never forgot his chat with one of the performers

I'm almost certain my heart skipped a beat as I came to the top of Knob Hill.

Looking down into the valley, I could see a gaily colored carnival tent and around it, like baby chicks nestling close to a mother hen, were a number of smaller tents.

Apart from the rest was a merry-go-round. From where I stood, it resembled a whirling toy with red and blue pennants racing along the top. Lilting music called me to join in the fun.

Although I was eleven years old, I'd never before seen a carnival or circus. What harm would it be if I stopped by for an hour or so? I'd still have a chance to get back home in plenty of time for supper.

Having resolved any doubts I may have had, I went into action. Racing down the hill, I passed several families headed in the same direction. When I neared the tents, I saw a large crowd milling around the grounds. My attention was caught by a hawker at a stand to the side.

"Come this way, folks," he cried in a voice that seemed to crack on each word. "Loop a stick and win a doll. Three big chances for a nickel, folks. Ring a stick and the doll is yours."

I followed a man and a little girl to the stand. Directly in front of us and no more than three feet away were four rows of sticks. Round-faced dolls, dressed in all the colors of the rainbow, were banked on either side.

The man put down a nickel and the girl picked up three loops, like the wooden loops my mother used for darning. Her first loop sailed into the stack of dolls. Her second caught on one of the sticks, swung around crazily for a moment and dropped off to the side.

By WILLIAM DINWOODIE
Religion Editor, The Cleveland "News"

She was about to toss the third when
e blaring notes of the merry-go-round
me to a wheezy stop. Someone shouted
ops" and I turned in time to see the
owd running toward the gilded ticket
oth near the entrance. I ran after them.
Coming to the booth, I found myself
edged between the fattest woman I'd
er seen and a pretty blond girl in red
hts. The fat woman was dressed in a
w-cut, pink silk dress that billowed out
ound her. Her arms were ringed with
ant bracelets. The girl was sobbing
co a frilly handkerchief she held to her
outh.

I TURNED toward the booth. A red-
ced man in a checked gray suit filled
e doorway. He stood unblinking as
ntable Harris waved a white paper
der his nose and shouted:

"You've got two hours to get out of
re. I'll be back by 6. If you're not gone by then, I'll bring in the lot of you."

The crowd broke up as the constable started down the steps. I noticed a clown shuffling toward one of the smaller tents and followed him.

At the rear of the tent, he pushed back a flap and walked inside. When he reappeared, he was dragging a large trunk. He seemed to notice me for the first time when he opened the lid of the empty trunk.

"Where'd you come from?" he asked.

"I followed you back here."

"Why'd you want to do that?"

"I don't know." I shrugged. "I've never seen a live clown before."

"Now you've seen me, what do you think?"

I LOOKED ABOVE the billowy, red clothes of the clown to the chalk-white face above it. Black circles ringed the eyes. Red stars accented the hollows in the cheeks and drooping lines, drawn from either side of the mouth, gave a sardonic touch of melancholy to the saddest face I'd ever seen.

The clown must have guessed my thoughts, for he asked:

"Don't you like what you see, son?"

"I thought clowns were supposed to be funny," I said.

"We are funny. See me scrambling after a goat in the ring and you'd laugh with the rest. Now you won't have a chance to see me."

"Why are they sending you off?" I asked.

"I guess maybe it's because of what happened the last time we were here. Too many of the townspeople lost their pocketbooks in the sideshows. You can't get away with things like that. There's something else you ought to remember, too."

"What's that?"

THE CLOWN looked away toward the small South Dakota town above the hill. When he spoke, his words came slowly, as if he were weighing each one.

"You can't tell the worth of a thing by the gilt on the outside," he began. "Look at the carnival here." He waved his right arm around the grounds where workmen were hauling down tents and stacking the supporting poles. "Looked pretty nice when you came here, didn't it?"

I admitted it had.

"Stick around long enough and you'll find it ugly underneath," he said. "There's nothing nice about it."

"Why do you stick with it then?"

The clown shrugged his shoulders and I thought I noticed a flash of pain cross his painted face.

"Maybe it's because I can't help myself. Get yourself knee deep in mud and you have an awful time getting free. But what am I gabbing along here for? If I don't hurry, they'll be trotting off without me."

THE CLOWN went back inside the tent. When he came out, I hardly knew him. His face had been scrubbed clear of paint and he had replaced his clown suit with a faded blue shirt and corduroy trousers. Coming up beside me, he said:

"I thought you'd be gone by this time. Why'd you hang around, anyway?"

"I wanted to see what you looked like without the clown's makeup," I told him.

"Well, here I am," he smiled. "What do you think of me?"

I gave my new friend a long, appraising look and I liked what I saw. His face was lean and sensitive. His dark eyes, spaced wide apart, were deep pools of understanding and he smiled easily.

"I like you better without the paint," I said. "What's your name?"

"Albert. What's yours?"

I told him.

"Dinwoodie." A look of surprise crossed the clown's face as he repeated the name. "Your father a minister, son?"

"Yes."

"Is your mother . . . ? No, it can't be."

"What?"

"Is your mother's name Clara?"

"Yes, but why—why do you ask?"

"I used to know a girl by the name of Clara, Clara Leyh in St. Paul."

"That's my mother's name," I told him. "She's probably the same girl. Why don't you come and see her? It's not far from the top of the hill over there."

The clown looked away.

"Sorry, Bill, I can't; not this time. I'll have to move along with the rest of the carnival."

"Mother will be disappointed," I said.

THE CLOWN put his hand on my shoulder and I could feel his fingers tense against my collarbone.

"I wouldn't tell her about me, if I were you," he observed. "Wouldn't do any good. Just forget you saw me. Goodby, Bill."

With that, he turned and walked back inside the tent. Puzzled, I moved slowly across the carnival grounds, now almost clear of the gilt and trappings, and walked up the hill. Mother and dad were about to sit down to dinner when I got home. Mother asked me where I'd been and why I was late for dinner.

When I told her I'd stopped in at the carnival, dad said he'd heard they'd been ordered to move on.

"That's true," I said. "I was there when Constable Harris told them they'd have to get out. He gave them until 6 o'clock."

Dad looked at the clock on the wall. It was 6:10.

"They'll be gone now and I can't say n sorry," he said. "They're a bad lot."

MOTHER SET OUT three plates of potato up and we started to eat. But I wasn't ngry somehow. My thoughts were back th the clown. As if sensing I hadn't d the whole story, mother asked me nat happened after the constable left.

"Nothing much," I mumbled.

"Did you stop and talk with anyone?"

"I was talking to a clown."

"A clown." Mother smiled. "What did have to say to you?"

"I can't tell you."

"You can't tell us?" There was a rsh scraping sound as dad pushed his air back from the table and his voice ld a brittle edge as he said: "Out with Willie. What happened out there?"

Feeling as if I were trapped with no ance of escape, I told the whole story. other dropped down beside me and ipped my two hands in her's as I recalled the clown mentioning her name.

"You're sure, Willie?" she asked. "You're sure he said Clara Leyh?"

"Yes, I'm sure."

MOTHER ROSE SLOWLY from her knees. Then she raised her apron to her eyes and fairly ran to the bedroom, closing the door behind her. Turning to my father, I asked if I'd said anything wrong. He looked across at me, gray eyes shadowed with a sorrow I'd never seen there before, and said:

"No, son, you said nothing wrong, nothing at all. I think you'll understand when I tell you the circumstances. Several years ago your mother's younger brother ran away from home. She heard he'd joined a show on the river boats. A year or two ago he was said to be working with a circus. I feel sure and I know your mother is sure that the clown you met today was your Uncle Albert."

A GROCER was heard to praise a new minister who had recently come to town.

"Have you heard him preach?" he was asked.

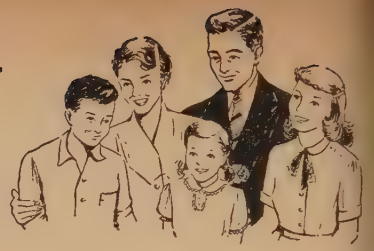
"No, I haven't," replied the grocer.

"How, then, do you know he's so good?" his questioner wanted to know.

"Because," the grocer replied, "his members have begun to pay up their bills."—CLARENCE W. CRANFORD in *Altar Fires for Family Worship* (Broadman)

THE REAL CHANGE that needs to be achieved, the change that the will of God invincibly pursues, is to change man from self-centeredness and class-centeredness into God-centeredness. But this means not revolution, but salvation.

—JOHN A. MACKAY in *God's Order* (Macmillan)



FLIGHT

"WHERE ARE THE KIDS?" Dan pulled out his chair and sat down to breakfast.

"Oh, you know Karen on Saturday mornings. And since she's going to be mother-by-proxy all day, I thought I'd give her an extra forty winks."

"You mean you took time to pretty things up like this," he surveyed the table in amazement, "when you're going to be gone all day? I thought you'd put the youngsters to work."

"Silly! It only took a minute to move those tulips from the coffee table in the living room. The arrangement was too lovely to waste, if I do say so."

"But the fruit, all fancy?"

"FOR YOU. To make you miss me." Which was quite true. No use telling him how easy it was to pop a few strawberries in the center of the grapefruit. It did look special and that was what I wanted. I don't feel guilty about going off to an all-day vacation school conference. At least, I don't think I feel guilty. But I do like to convince myself I can do it without neglecting my family. A little of the show-off in all of us. Or else, what Kathy Matteo has is contageous.

"Yes?" Dan paused. "Why did you shake your head as though there were something you were trying not to think about?"

"Did I do that? I was just trying not to think about Kathy. She's getting to be an obsession with me. She's always been a little odd, but I like her and it bothers me when she suddenly starts being odd in a new way."

"That's her privilege, isn't it?"

"Maybe it's not a privilege. She seems pretty unhappy to me. And maybe her unhappiness spreads around and gets on other people! But it's really none of my business. I've turned it over to someone else."

"You've what?" Dan sounded so puzzled, I almost told him I'd decided the best thing I could do for Kathy was ask God to help her, since anything I could think of doing might be wrong just as easily as it might be right.

"Never mind. Nothing indiscreet. Anyhow, let's not spend our time talking about that. You'll be home to check on the kids at noon?"

"Sure. When do you go?"

"I leave at ten and Susie and Pete promised to be back from their wanderings by nine-thirty."

WE SAID our morning prayer without the children. Saturday is such a disorganized day we seldom get together in a worshipful mood before supper time. Dan suggested in a casual sort of way that they might pray individually and I know that Karen does. As for the other two . . .

Dan kissed me as though I were going on a long journey. "Vacation school conferences do have their compensations!" I observed.

"That's to make sure you come back."

"As good a way as any I've ever heard," I agreed, then felt rather silly when I saw Karen standing, barefooted and blue-jeaned, in the doorway. "Well, my lady, you are up earlier than I expected."

"I wouldn't want to miss the rock-and- waltz." She tried to keep her face aight, but wasn't too successful. We ed to spoil it for her by pretending we dn't get her meaning. Then we gave and Dan left in a burst of laughter.

Karen put her arm around me and iled into my eyes. "Don't mind me. hink you and Daddy are cute. Your ush isn't really hard to take. And at st you don't fight."

"Now, that's right nice of you, ma'am," rawled. "I 'low you're kinda cute, too. w, how 'bout polishin' off some break- t so we can do the dishes afore the ge leaves?"

"Stage? Oh, that's right I forgot you going off for the day." Suddenly she s all business. "Where are Pete and sie?"

"Out. But they'll be in at nine-thirty."

"They'd better be. If I'm responsible them, I want to know where they ."

"Relax! If you're going to get in a her before I even leave, I'm going to nder all day how you're making out. th Pete and Susie know pretty well at they can do and what they can't. If start bossing them around, they'll t get balky."

"In other words, I'm in charge, but not in charge!"

"You're in charge, but you've got to a little tact and let them think they managing themselves—and they will."

"Manage themselves? Oh, sure!"

"Breakfast for you, missy. You'll feel ter with something under your belt."

The dishes didn't take long. I was ssing when Susie came scampering up eps. "Whoo-oo," she panted. "Did ver hurry! Thought I was late and 'd be gone. Then it would be too late you to say I'm not allowed to stay at Donna's for lunch today."

This was a new wrinkle. "Not allowed?"

"Sure. Her mother wants me to stay."

"But her mother's going to the vacation school conference with us."

"No, she's not. She says she's not going to teach this summer. That Donna needs her mother at home making a home, even if Donna is ungrateful and doesn't appreciate—oh, you know how she goes on."

"Susie, I don't think that's a very nice way to speak of Donna's mother."

"Well, she's not a very nice mother." She flung her arms around my waist and gave me such a hug I couldn't be disapproving any longer. These girls of mine!

"Where's Pete?" I asked.

"Oh, around. But I can't go to Donna's, can I?"

"No, indeed. Go and whistle for Pete, will you, honey?"

Susie rushed off. That's a job she loves, blowing the police whistle that is supposed to summon the children from anywhere within earshot. I put the finishing touches on my appearance, to the tune of the shrill blasts.

"Better stop," I called to her on my way downstairs. "If he hasn't heard you by this time, he must be far away. We'll just bother the neighbors."

"Here he comes! And here comes Mrs. Larson. She's stopping out front. And you ought to see Pete! He's a mess."

Pete burst in, wet and dirty. "I'm O.K. Just hunting snakes in the woods back of school. We found one."

There was lots I could have said. But my chauffeur was honking and what good would it have done? I murmured some things about changing clothes and helping Karen and remember Mrs. Mawson was home if they needed anything. I fled.

WORSHIP NOTEBOOK

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO the television set in our living room was showing the movie of the week. It was one of those lovely British pictures filled with the music of one of the great composers. As the familiar strains of the *Barcarolle* filled our living room, there was an ear-splintering interruption, the picture changed and a rasping voice shouted, "I want you to forget everything you've ever heard about storm windows!"

Television commercials, how we detest them! At the theater or the opera there is no interruption to break the thread of story or music. Even the poorest motion picture in the cheapest back-street theater is never cut into pieces by the domineering voice of the salesman. Television, for all of its grand success, is still the mechanical marvel that serves up our entertainment—in pieces.

I MUST CONFESS that I am not a frequent worshiper before the great glass eye, but I do find that when I watch a program the interruption of even the shortest commercial sets my mind off to other things. Once the program has been broken, no matter how appealing its offering, damage has been done. You just can't have your mind on one plane, get it jarred to another, then expect it to climb back to the first without difficulty.

This ought to be a lesson to pastors. If you will pardon a rather worldly comparison, your pastor is like the producer of a TV show. He has a set—the church; he has a script with musical accompaniment—the liturgy; a message—the sermon; and the actors—the choir, the people, and himself. And all he must do is put on a good program—for God.

But what happens? Things usually start off well enough. Sometimes the choir may be a little flat or the congregation weak or the sermon a bit long, but if the participants put their hearts into it, God is pleased. That's all he ever expects, that we put our hearts into our efforts.

The worship continues. Suddenly, like the annoying crash of the TV commercial, there comes a break and the pastor makes a long string of announcements. The only similarity with the TV commercial is that both are interruptions. But where the announcer fastens upon a single item and imprisons you in the merits of his product, the pastor's announcements touch upon almost every sphere of life, both within the congregation and without.

I have actually heard a series of announcements, the length of which rivals the time of the sermon. Notice of the meetings of all the parish organizations, an appeal for members to patronize the annual sauerkraut supper or the Christmas bazaar, the Lutheran World Action clothing drive, community observances like the Red Cross roll call, X-Ray examinations, and election day not to mention the endless list of "Thank yous" to almost everyone. And appeals are a part of the weekly announcements in many parishes. And all the while, everything that the pastor is saying is printed very neatly in the bulletin which every worshiper is holding.

WHAT MUST GOD THINK? Hearts, minds and voices raised to him in prayer and praise and then suddenly God is ignored. Like a group of children who have come to honor a dignitary, we suddenly turn our back on him and whisper to one an-

about all of the busy little things
t we do. What part does it all have
worship?

And while we talk about interruptions
the service, consider some of the "ex-
s" that pastors are requested to "insert"
their Sunday services. Is the Sunday
vice the place for a special order for
: Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the local
ternal organization, or even any of the
ier auxiliaries of the church or its con-
gations? If it is right for the officers
teachers or leaders of any group in a
ngregation to be installed to their re-
ctive positions at a Sunday service,
y hasn't every organization the same
ht? If one group can take over the
ef service once a year for a service of
nksgiving, why haven't other organiza-
ns equal opportunity?

We hear so often of the mayors of small
vns who are "fed up" with special
ys for this" or "weeks for that." One
erprising official has declared that
re will be a "National Nothing Week."
w often have I heard pastors wish for
same sort of determined leadership
the church and its worship.

To the person who desires to worship
d each Sunday morning, to confess his
s, to be assured of God's forgiveness,
praise God for his goodness, to offer
prayers and find the comfort of Word
l Sacraments, there ought to be no such
usion. Hearts that seek out God ought
l opportunity to commune with him.

There is only one criterion for what
ppens in the church. Worship is the
red moment when God gives us his
ce through Word and Sacraments, and
gratitude to him we offer him our
nkful hearts. Anything else is out of
ce, and should be cast out. If worship
ce be the truly glorious moment it
ght to be, no other standard can suffice.

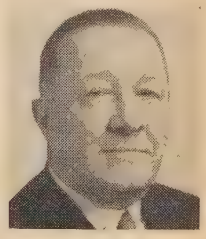
This will call for courageous and determined pastors and equally determined worshipers. Not all of the announcements are the pastor's ideas. Oftentimes overly-zealous parishioners push their group's activities so strenuously that they forget the real meaning of worship, and pastors fearful of losing leadership of such well-meaning persons, give in. Both sides must co-operate.

The best answer of course is the bulletin. Notices should be printed, not spoken. Thus all of the worshipers are aware of what they should know and the service is not broken. With other additions, the pastor must use his own judgment, asking himself constantly will this or that "extra" be an act of worship for the whole congregation. If it will, he will use it. If not, he must firmly but courteously say no. Some parishioners may object, but in the end the congregation will be richer for it. We need God's grace. We ought not put obstacles in its way.

—EDGAR S. BROWN, JR.

PERSONAL PROBLEM CLINIC

By EARL S. RUDISILL



Absentee husband

Question: We've been married nine years and have two children, seven and five. But Ed doesn't want to settle down to home life. All through our married life I've kept up my appearance, taken good care of our home, and given plenty of attention to the children. We go out together about once a week, usually to a movie, if we can get a dependable sitter.

But Ed wants to be out at a bowling alley, taproom, or shooting gallery every night. I have protested, but without effect. It just seems he can't stay at home one evening and be satisfied. I can see why some women get interested in other men.

REPLY: You will solve no problem by giving attention to any other man—you'll only multiply your troubles. Count that out!

Your statements indicate that while you are giving good care to your children, home, and self, you may not be giving your husband adequate attention, affection, companionship, or cooperation. Men do not ordinarily choose to be away from their wives and children if they can be happy at home. Without any attempt to place blame, let me suggest that you set out quietly, tactfully, and persistently to win back Ed's interest, love, and close companionship. A mother must never cease to be a wife. If I could talk to Ed I'd urge him to do the same toward you. Unless you can enlist the assistance of some friend you'll have to do the job singlehanded. Leave no effort untried to attract him and to help find happiness at home.

It will be a lift for both of you if you will invite in a few congenial couples for a meal, music, pictures, or games, and make certain that all have a good time. Ed may gradually gain so much satisfaction from his home and family that he'll forget all about the outside places of amusement.

Creation

QUESTION: What shall I tell my little girl when she asks, "Who made the world?"

REPLY: Tell her God made the world. That is brief and simple, as such an answer should be, and it is an answer which will not become outmoded. Later, as the child is better able to understand, the scientific details of creation may be explained. All testify to the wonder of creation and the glory of God.

Sense of security

QUESTION: We hear a great deal today about a child's need of a feeling of security. Years ago we didn't hear about it at all. Why has this become so important an issue?

REPLY: In years gone by we heard little about a good many things which today receive considerable emphasis. A sense of security was not mentioned because scientific studies had not progressed far enough, and much so-called information was only guesswork. Today we have available numerous means of gaining reliable information and finding the way out of difficulties, and a great deal of progress has been made. There are, however, still many unsolved problems.

A sense of security is needed to assure a child that in our precarious world he is wanted and loved, that he can count upon his home, family, church, school, and other means of help. It helps him to find his place among others, both children and grownups, to take his part on the playground, to participate normally in the learning process, to meet new people, and to have a good all-around development. Such a sense of well-being is not to be construed as a hindrance to self-reliance or independence. It will foster those qualities, but children are encouraged to do for themselves everything for which they have the capacity.

BOOKS

eological Controversy

he Defense of the Faith. By Cornelius Van Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Com- y. 436 pages. $4.95.

The title of the book indicates that it is a rk on general apologetics. It is written a specialist for those who belong to his dition.

The slant of the book is definitely toward neva, its background is conservative and lvinistic. The clash of the argument is be- een Westminster and Princeton seminaries. hile the index shows that a great variety sources and scholars has been considered, se names—selected somewhat at random ike Bavinck, Daane, Grotenhuis, Van lsema, Vollenhoven are evidence that the ok is meant for the scholar or for those o are particularly interested in a rather ited theological controversy.

BENJAMIN LOTZ

Susquehanna University

e Dutch Contribution

Netherlands in America. By Henry S. Lucas. iversity of Michigan Press. 744 pages. $10.

'Fellow immigrants"—this was the way t Franklin D. Roosevelt once greeted the ughters of the American Revolution. And are we all, whether that immigration oc- rred long ago or as recently as last year. at is why all of us should be interested in account given by Dr. Duncan, of the iversity of Washington, of the coming the U.S. of a relatively small group of grants from the Netherlands who settled Michigan, Iowa, and other states. The lk of the book records the physical facts their settlement.

Since the colonial period is treated rather efly, there is scant reference to the Dutch therans in New Amsterdam with whom Harry Kreider's researchers have made miliar. The number of Dutch Lutherans come to the U.S. since then is so small ere are only two first-generation Holland-ers on the clerical roll of the ULCA) that the author discusses the migrants as though all of them were either Reformed or Roman Catholic.

To the general reader, no doubt, the most interesting portion of the book is the section entitled "The Dutch Character and Contribution." Here he will find material describing the church life (very active) of these Holland-Americans; their participation in American life, politics, and education, and also the way they have been portrayed in fiction.

JOHN SCHMIDT

Columbus, Ohio

Book Brevities

Stories from the Life of Jesus. By April Oursler Armstrong. Garden City Books. 256 pages. $2.95.

A daughter of Fulton Oursler has adapted from *The Greatest Story Ever Told* 40 stories from the Gospels in language for children (perhaps 8 to 12). The book is in easily read type and profusely illustrated. The author has avoided "stilted and stiff" language. Martha, after the gentle rebuke from Jesus about being "troubled about many things," hurried back to the kitchen "with a swish of her apron, and a toss of her head, as puzzled and unhappy a woman as ever lived." And, in the garden of Gethsemane—"That vast hunk of man sprawled on the grass, his head on a rolled-up cloak, was surely Peter, snoring."

The Answer Is God. By Elise Miller Davis. McGraw-Hill. 242 pages. $3.25.

Roy and Dale Evans Rogers, Hollywood's king and queen of the westerns, witness to their personal faith in God under the glaring lights of movie making, the rodeo ring, and mass publicity—in the midst of the fast-paced life that goes with the glare.

Some readers may consider the couple's approach to God too sentimental and too familiar. But the sincerity, simplicity, and aliveness of their faith shine through the book, in refreshing contrast with the kind of faith that is so impersonal that it doesn't shine at all.

E. S. REED

South Carolina Approves Seminary Campaign

By WYNNE C. BOLIEK

SHOULD WE PROVIDE additional apartments for married students? Will this not encourage more young students to get married? Would it not be possible to train young women for parish work at our colleges instead of at the seminary?

These were some of the questions and comments heard at the recent convention of the South Carolina Synod when the board of the Lutheran Theological Seminary presented recommendations for a special appeal during 1958 or 1959. The board is asking the six Southern synods to launch an effort for $750,000 of which $250,000 will be by special gifts and the remainder assigned to the synods. A motion to refer the matter for another year of study was defeated two to one. The synod gave a decisive vote in favor of the recommendation.

THE CONVENTION was held in St. Luke's Church, Columbia, the Rev. Henry S. Wingard, pastor, April 9-12. President Karl W. Kinard in his sermon at the Communion service urged the importance of lay witnessing. He said, "One of the greatest needs of today is that every Christian would accept seriously the command of Christ to be his witness."

Statistical Secretary James B. Wessinger told synod that the confirmed membership now totals more than 30,000, almost the same as the more than 30,000 square miles constituting the area of the state. The communing membership has increased until it is now about 80 per cent of the confirmed.

The proposed plan for a "tie in" of the pension program of the ULCA with Social Security came in for rather heated discussion, most of which opposed the idea. Pre-

LEADERS AT SOUTH CAROLINA SYNOD SESSION. Seated are Dr. Karl W. Kinard, synod president, and Dr. Harmon J. McGuire, president of Illinois Synod and ULCA representative. Standing are host church Pastor Henry S. Wingard, Treasurer J. B. Ballentine, Secretary Carl B. Caughman.

ing comments were to the effect that nal Security is an individual matter, sepe and apart from the pension program. reasurer J. B. Ballentine reported that a l of $420,447.81 passed through the treasduring the year 1955. Dr. A. Kenneth witt, stewardship secretary, said that for first time every established church in the od contributed to benevolence. The Rev. Milton Frick, synodical director for Luran World Action reported that contribuss for this cause reached a total of 106.67 cent for the year 1955.

PECIAL EMPHASIS was given the Evangel- Program. The Rev. J. Kenneth Webb ined the program for the synod and prezed Dr. J. A. Keisler, Jr., regional di- or. Dr. Keisler described the procedures essary and urged that the program be owed as outlined.

te-elected as officers of synod were: Dr. l B. Caughman, secretary; James B. ssinger, statistical secretary; J. B. Ballen-, treasurer. The Rev. Paul G. McCulgh was elected editor-manager of the *th Carolina Lutheran.*

outhern Seminary will enroll 100 stuts for the year 1956-57, Dr. Carl A. neycutt, president of the board, reported. the first time in its history young women be enrolled for special training in preation for full-time church work.

The Children's Home, Salem, Virginia, is ng for more children from "broken" homes than ever before, said F. T. Prufer, board president. The Lowman Home for the Aged and Helpless, White Rock, continually faces the problem of urgent applications although the institution is crowded beyond capacity, reported Dr. Wynne C. Boliek. He pointed out how the problem of care for the aging continues to increase.

A motion to increase the amount of aid given students for the ministry was referred for study. The Rev. J. Obert Kempson, member of the ministerial education committee, spoke on the psychiatric evaluation for students entering the seminary. A motion prevailed that this be approved as part of the report and work of the committee.

Dr. J. B. Harmon was congratulated on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. Recognition was also made of the 60th anniversary of the ordination of Dr. W. H. Greever, former secretary of the ULCA.

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

CLERICAL: Karl W. Kinard, J. Kenneth Webb, J. Shelton Moose, J. A. Keisler, Jr., Heyward W. Epting, Wynne C. Boliek, J. Virgil Long, Hubert A. Dunlop, Carl A. Honeycutt, Fred E. Dufford.

LAY: James B. Wessinger, Dr. Fred W. Kinard, Deems Haltiwanger, R. D. Nilson, Chris A. Kaufmann, J. B. Ballentine, H. Odelle Harman, Otho L. Shealy, Walter Shaffer, Walter P. Rawl.

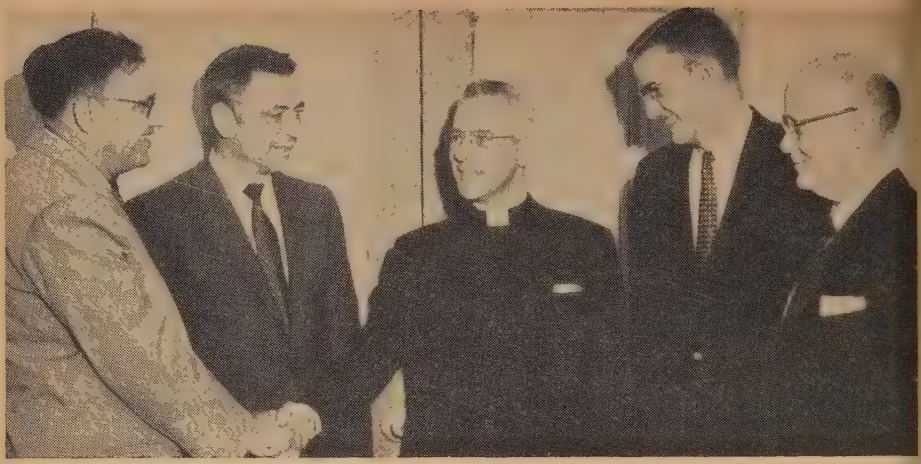
irginia Votes Study of Race Relations

MARSHALL F. MAUNEY

WE NEED MORE spiritual arsonists—those o will kindle a flame of love and faith the hearts of men!"

With these words President J. Luther uney called 200 delegates at the Virginia od meeting April 10-13 at St. Mark's rch, Roanoke, to a "burning disciple-p." He deplored the many statistical evices that "the embers on the altar of our l have burned too low."

Reports and actions in three tightly filled days revealed coals both hot and cold. In the area of home missions fervor still runs high. Two new congregations were received into synod—Gloria Dei Church of Knoxville, Tenn., and Redeemer Church, McLean, Va. Dr. L. W. Strickler, home missions committee chairman, announced that developers are at work in three other fields and a seminarian has accepted a call to a fourth. Four



ULCA REPRESENTATIVE DR. GEORGE F. HARKINS (center) congratulates delegates of two congregations received into Virginia Synod. At left are Pastor Gerald G. North and Carl Michaels of Gloria Dei Church, Knoxville, Tenn. At right are Pastor Alvin Kuhn and Harold Krause of Redeemer Church, McLean, Virginia. Developers will work in four new fields this coming year.

additional fields are awaiting developers.

Excitement ran high over the evangelism mission. Enthusiastic testimonies were given by both pastors and laymen over the impact made in the Shenandoah Conference last March. "It is the greatest thing that has happened in our church," said one layman.

Treasurer A. B. Greiner reported that $291,402 were handled by synod this year—a new high in giving. Synodical membership had increased by only 1,408 baptized, 819 confirmed and 555 communing members. Percentage-wise these gains are meager.

Although four seminarians were approved for ordination, much concern was shown over the shortage of men for the ministry. The convention speedily approved a plan for a three-quarter million dollar appeal for Southern Seminary to be conducted in 1958-59. It also endorsed a plan for the development of two youth camps on the synodical territory at an estimated cost of $65,000.

THINGS WARMED considerably over four proposals presented by the Social Mission Committee concerning the "integration of Negroes into the full church life of the synod." The proposals suggest thorough synod-wide study of race relations and an extended ministry to the Negro people. After much discussion the proposals were accepted by a substantial majority.

Dr. A. B. Greiner concluded 47 years as synodical treasurer. A tribute was paid him for his devoted service. A. L. Garber of Harrisonburg was elected treasurer and other synodical officers were re-elected.

One evening session was spent on the campus of Roanoke College where a special service in recognition of the leadership of the late Dr. J. J. Scherer, Jr. was held. "If I had to say one thing about him more than anything else I would say he was a pastor—a true shepherd of each one," declared Dr. R. H. Anderson. Also speaking was Dr. C. J. Smith who said, "Jay Scherer was the epitome of love—he loved his God, he loved his church, he loved his synod."

ULCA CONVENTION DELEGATES

CLERICAL: J. L. Mauney, M. L. Minnick, L. W. Strickler, R. H. Anderson, R. G. Schulz, W. E. Eisenberg, M. F. Mauney, L. C. Sparks, Jr., J. E. Stockman, L. A. Wertz, J. H. Fray.

LAY: C. K. Woltz, L. E. Easterly, Dr. A. A. Shutters, S. J. Turille, A. L. Garber, M. L. Minnick, Jr., H. Sherman Oberly, J. B. Bonham, R. T. Edwards, H. C. Meyer, P. A. Stauffer.

chool Integration Proceeds But Housing Problems Remain

By WILSON P. ARD

HAGERSTOWN — Racial integration in gerstown public schools is making head-, but the problem of how to provide ade-te housing for the Negro population still aits solution in face of resistance to sell perty to non-white residents.

egregation in senior high schools will end the current year. Next fall white and gro pupils will go to the same high ools.

Up to this time all Negro students were olled in a segregated school. Grade ool pupils will be integrated as soon as itional space is available.

The first step came a year ago when the rd of education decided to send Negro cents living outside the Hagerstown area chools in their own communities.

During the past year there have been pro-m interchanges between segregated and er schools. White and Negro students e participated together in musical pro-ns and sports events. Teachers and ool principals have always met together.

here is unrest, however, among Hagers-n Negroes because of their inability to hire land for residential purposes.

The Negro population here is bursting at the seams," said the Rev. B. M. Har-e as he appealed to mayor and city ncil for help in solving the housing blem. "We can't seem to get out of the e in which we are. Every time we try meet opposition."

William T. Stewart, another member of delegation, said: "There is real need of expansion. There are many Negroes who are not and do not want to be in-tants of a slum area, but they cannot l land on which to build or homes in h to live."

he problem of housing for Hagerstown's co population was raised as the local sing Authority announced plans for building 30 more federal low-rent units for Negro residents. If the site selected is used, it means that a group of Negro homes must be torn down to make room for the new project.

NLC Forms Department For Radio and Television

A CO-ORDINATOR for radio and television activities of five of the eight Lutheran bodies belonging to the National Lutheran Council was named at the NLC's executive committee meeting in Chicago last month. He is Rolf Hertsgaard of Minneapolis who combines radio and TV experience with religious training.

The former announcer, newscaster, program director, and promotion executive for a number of Midwest radio and TV stations, is completing theological studies at Northwestern Seminary in Minneapolis. He was a student pastor at St. Mark's Church (ULC), Minneapolis.

As head of the new NLC department, the 34-year-old Mr. Hertsgaard will be responsible for joint research in program planning, technique and financing on behalf of the five co-operating church bodies—ELC, ALC, Augustana, UELC, and Lutheran Free Church. The United Lutheran Church, which organized its own department of press, radio, and television two years ago, will not participate in the basic budget of the NLC agency, but is expected to co-operate on specific projects.

Alberti Installed in New Synodical Office

By RALPH I. SHOCKEY

TRENTON—Synod's new secretary of home missions and parish education, the Rev. Godfrey E. Alberti, was installed by Synod President Edwin H. Knudten at a service held in St. Paul's Church, Linden, April 8. St. Paul's was previously served by Pastor Alberti.

Dr. John H. Wagner, chairman for the committee which assisted in establishment of the office, preached. Dr. C. Donald Heft, synod secretary, was the liturgist.

Pastor Alberti becomes the second full-time officer since formation of the synod five years ago.

"THE UNCHANGING CHRIST in This Changing World" is theme for the biennial convention of the synod's Women's Missionary Society to be held in Church of the Atonement, Asbury Park, May 9-10. A dramatic presentation of the work of the departmental secretaries will be given in a skit prepared by Mrs. Paul C. Weber.

Convention speakers include Mrs. G. Morris Smith, member of the Latin American Division of the NLC; Miss Kay Moldenke, interracial worker in New York City; and Dr. George F. Harkins, assistant to the president of the ULCA.

The synodical Brotherhood will convene in St. Mark's Church, Trenton, May 5. A panel discussion featuring "Speakers, Films, Topics, and Social Activities" is part of the session. Dr. Edgar S. Brown, director of the ULC Department of Worship, will speak.

Nine per cent of the LWA synodical goal of $53,031 had been contributed as of Mar. 31. In emphasizing the urgency for meeting LWA objectives, the appeal's former synodical director, Pastor Alberti, urged pastors to participate in a clothing appeal for Lutheran World Relief and to sponsor a Lutheran refugee family before the April 30 expiration date.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Florham Park, has been purchased by Good Shepherd mission. The 95 charter members also purchased a parsonage for the Rev. Paul C. Strockbine, mission developer.

PLANS for new Holy Trinity Church, Brant Beach, include a deconsecration service for the former structure which has been purchased by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Pastor William Luger has made the legal arrangements for the transaction.

EPIPHANY CHURCH, Pleasantville, adopted a $100,000 building program which includes a new church and parish unit. Pastor Richard Porritt hopes to attain the goal in part through volunteer services.

St. Paul's Church, Mt. Holly, is meeting the increased growth in population of Burlington County by erecting a 21-room parish education unit.

NEW MISSION FIELDS

Lutheran services have recently been started in the following areas, the Board of American Missions reports. People living in or moving to these areas should be urged to look up the new ULCA group. Mission developers identified below can be reached by telephone. See also local newspapers.

MISSISSIPPI: Starkville (The Rev. Lloyd H. Seiler)

MONTANA: Billings, Northwest section (The Rev. Ralph C. Sandgren)

NEWFOUNDLAND: St. John's (The Rev. Osvalds Gulbis)

NORTH CAROLINA: Winston-Salem, Konnoak area (The Rev. J. Wilford Lyerly)

OHIO: Columbus, East area (The Rev. Ralph Ryberg)

PENNSYLVANIA: Allentown, Northwest area (The Rev. Orval Hartman)

TENNESSEE: Morristown (The Rev. Edwin N. Troutman)

VIRGINIA: Williamsburg (The Rev. Allen H. Fenner)

ESHINGTON-OREGON

ganization of Three Missions gs Tone for Coming Convention

By ARTHUR E. WULF

ORTLAND—Spring brought about a flurry mission organizations and church dedica- ss in the Pacific Synod. Three new con- gations were scheduled to be formed, and ee churches announced dedications.

Our Saviour's Church, developed by the . Robert Henkel in Eugene, Ore., was anized April 22. A week later, Pastor n L. Baglien organized formally Advent rch in Hillsboro, Ore. Date for organi- on of St. Andrew's Church, Seattle, sh., was set for May 13. Developer is Rev. Donald Clinton.

he three missions, which will be re- ed at the forthcoming synod convention, bring the number of Pacific Synod con- gations to 57.

edication of Good Shepherd Church, atello, Idaho (the Rev. Paul Funk, pas- , was held April 29. May 6 is the date the dedication of St. Mark's first of a e-unit building project in Seattle, Wash. or is the Rev. Olin Dasher. Last of the cations this month is the new building of eemer Church, Boise, Idaho, scheduled Pastor Edward Hamme for May 27.

Villiam Williams, Pacific Seminary stu- , has accepted a call St. Andrew's Church, land, effective June Mr. Williams will be ined by the Pacific od. He is a member Faith Church (ALC) ortland due to grad- from seminary this ng.

TIZED at special Easter ay service were nine s and 48 children at lark's Church, Portland. r is Walter J. Knutson.

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Place for the Pacific Synod convention, May 14-17, is Trinity Church, Longview, Wash., the synod office announced in April. ULC representative will be Dr. Carl V. Tambert, president of the Pacific Southwest Synod. The Rev. Edward E. Hummon of University Church, Seattle, will be chaplain.

The Rev. Arthur E. Wulf has resigned as pastor of Christ Church, Portland, to accept a call to Trinity Church, Longview, Washington.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Convention Delegates Face Security Check

By OLIVER F. WEAVER

DENVER, COLO.—The "Church of the Open Door" in a closed city is getting ready to welcome delegates and guests to the Rocky Mountain Synod convention next month. Bethlehem Church will play host to the synod and the synod's Church Women in the "Atomic City," Los Alamos, N. M.

Los Alamos, a town of 13,000 people nestling on a 7,300-foot plateau of the Jemez Mountains, is surrounded by tight security regulations. For the first time in ULC history, delegates to a church convention will need security clearance from fed-

ROCKY MOUNTAIN . . .

eral authorities, but synod officers said screening of visitors was a routine matter which would in no way interfere with the movement of delegates and guests.

Information supplied on the registration form for each person attending the meetings will be checked by the Los Alamos security commission. Passes will be issued as visitors come to the gates of the government reservation, and enable them to move about freely in and out of the city.

Housing will be available in government-owned lodges in Los Alamos, and at a lodge in Frijoles Canyon, in the heart of New Mexico's Bandelier National Monument park.

Dates are May 22-24 for synod and ULCW convention. A laymen's retreat and Brotherhood convention precedes May 19-20 at Glorieta, N. M.

Michigan Synod President Frank P. Madsen will represent the ULC at the synod meeting. Pastor of the host church is the Rev. Dale L. Knudsen.

New pastor at St. Timothy's, Albuquerque, is the Rev. Titus Scholl, of Altadena, Calif., who began work in New Mexico March 1.

FRUITS of the evangelism mission in the Denver area last fall were expressed in larger attendance figures for Lent and Easter services and the reception of many new members.

Next evangelism mission was scheduled for Albuquerque April 22. Missioners were Pastor Louis H. Valbracht, of Chicago; Pastor Alton M. Motter, of Denver; Regional Evangelism Director Ross H. Hidy, and Synod President John F. Futchs. Missioners in El Paso were Dr. R. H. Gerberding and Dr. Futchs.

The Rev. Walter F. Frey, of Calhan, is developer for the Board of American Missions of the third ULC congregation in El Paso. First service was held April 8 in an army chapel at Logan Heights.

A fund-raising campaign at St. Luke's Church, Albuquerque, Pastor Donald C. Simonton, yielded $34,000 for the young congregation.

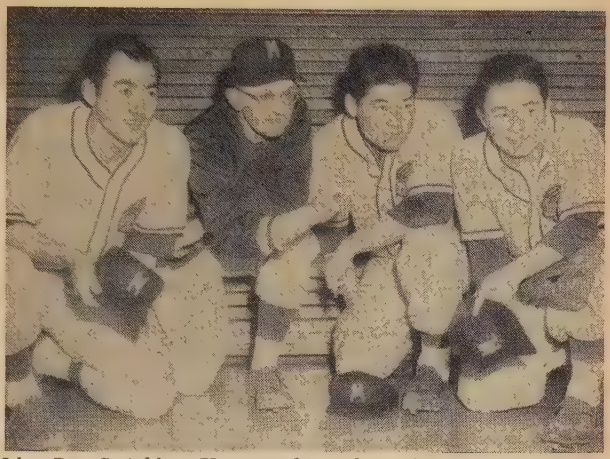
The sector project was presented to councilmen in Colorado and Wyoming by Associate Stewardship Secretary Zeb B. Trexler and Dr. Futchs. It will be carried into New

THE PLACE WAS LAS VEGAS but the scene was the same as in many less celebrated American cities as the congregation of Reformation Church gathered to break ground for its first church building. Police escorted procession of cars to church site where Pastor William C. Arbaugh turned first shovel full of earth. Pacific Southwest Synod congregation was organized six years ago.

TIME OUT FOR BASEBALL FANS

FREMONT, NEB.—If they to have a winning sea- at least Midland Col- baseball team can be losophical about it. The r. Dr. Gerald Strickler, fessor of philosophy and ristianity and college plain, is coaching the rrior nine.

long-time baseball fan, Strickler is filling in to take the burden off Midland's regular coaching f. Dr. Strickler is a Bos- Red Sox rooter, and es to be able to have his ers swinging like Ted iliams before long.



Ida, Dr. Strickler, Yamaguchi and Hashimoto study some fine points in Midland College's game strategy

To boost the team, the coach has three mbers of a high school championship n Hawaii. They are Stan Hashimoto, bert Ida, and Roy Yamaguchi. Hashi- o and Ida are starting second and third emen, and Yamaguchi is a first-line her.

ss seniors at Kauai High School the three vaiian players helped the squad win the aai Island high school baseball title. Ida Hashimoto are from Lihue, and Yama- ni is from Kalaheo.

Yamaguchi, who played fullback for the Warrior football team, is expected to be a strong contender for the top pitching spot on the squad.

Hashimoto, a diminutive lightweight, is a top fielder and good double-play middle man at second base. Ida plays the hot corner position well and is a strong hitter.

Midland opened its 12-game season April 3 against the Creighton University Bluejays at Fremont. It has seven home games scheduled.

CKY MOUNTAIN . . .

xico and Texas in July by Dr. H. C. sington.

IRST WOMEN council members in the ky Mountain Synod are Mrs. Ray Berger Mrs. Russell Hastead at Gloria Dei rch, Denver, Charles A. Davis pastor.

WO SYNOD CAMPS will be held this sum- . Intermediate camp opens in "La el." east of Colorado Springs, June 24. Rev. Charles Strubel is camp director. ior camp will be held at Shady Brook, t of Colorado Springs, Aug. 20-25. Camp ctor is the Rev. L. C. Soker.

A YEAR AGO on April 1, a co-pastor plan was instituted at Messiah Church, Denver. The Rev. Alton M. Motter came from Chicago to share the pastorate of the Rev. J. Benner Weaver. The experiment has proven successful. The program of the congregation has been activated.

A deaconess and a minister of music have been added to the staff; 250 new members were received. The family spirit has been strengthened by neighborhood groups. In spite of Messiah's 1,500 members, personal acquaintances have been established to meet personal needs as in a small congregation.

YOU DIAL FOR PRAYER

WILLIAMSPORT — "My telephone never stops ringing," says the Rev. Maxwell Walton, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Williamsport, Pa. Some 1,500 persons dial his number, 3-9491, every day.

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What persons call for is prayer. Every day Pastor Walton records a 25-second meditation which is played back automatically to anyone dialing his number. Since the service was installed late in March, some 32,000 calls have been made.

Pastor H. Maxwell Walton of St. Paul's Church, Williamsport
His telephone number is called 1,500 times a day

Sponsoring the service, which has been successfully tried by other Lutheran churches elsewhere, are members of Pastor Walton's church. The congregation is studying its effectiveness before deciding whether to assume sponsorship.

Parish Realignment Still Pending In Split of Allegheny Conference

By ROBERT G. SANDER

ALTOONA—Action on the petition of most churches in Bedford County that "they be permitted to become part of the new West Allegheny Conference instead of the East Allegheny Conference" is still pending. The petition has been sent to the conference's executive committee.

Division of the conference will take place on the first day of the Central Pennsylvania Synod's convention, May 21. Bedford county pastors and lay people were scheduled to meet April 29 to determine whether the congregations preferred alignment with West or East Allegheny. The will of the congregations was considered a decisive factor in determining action of the conference executive committee and the synod.

Under direction of synodical officers the conferences will receive outlines of organizational patterns at special meetings on May 21. Adoption of new constitutions and other important items will probably have to wait until fall meetings of the conferences.

FIRST MEETINGS of the general committee, in preparation of the 1957 evangelism mission in the Altoona area, were held in early April. Area Chairman Victor A. Carlson met with congregations of East Allegheny in Christ Second Church, Altoona, while parishes of West Allegheny met with their chairman, the Rev. Park L. Wagenbach, in Christ Church, Jennerstown.

ATTENDANCE by congregations at both meetings was good. The wish of the Central Committee for the mission is 100 per cent co-operation of all parishes. Churches have been asked to sign "commitment statements" to indicate their participation. Dates for the mission are East Allegheny—May 1957;

Allegheny—September 1957.

Miss Nancy Gettman, formerly of Alna and recently associated with the Child dance Center at Harrisburg, has been ned case worker for the new inner mis- program set up by the Allegheny Conence. Miss Gettman will work under the ction of Dr. Luke H. Rhoads and of a nmittee of the Allegheny Lutheran Home ch has been appointed to administer inner sion services.

ervices will include case work in family fare; child welfare; work with county rts, with particular reference to juveniles; ved mothers; older people; and physically mentally handicapped people.

oal is 10,500 members in the auxiliary the Allegheny Lutheran Home in 1956. t year 9,910 memberships were secured. campaign extends from middle of April middle of May.

Mrs. W. C. McQuaide, a member of Mt. vary Church, Johnstown, is chairman for 1956 membership campaign in the six nties of the conference.

Founders' Day at the Allegheny Lutheran Home follows on the heels of the membership campaign. The date is June 9, and for the first time the day will be observed at the Johnstown location of the home. Mrs. Clair M. Ebersole of St. Matthew's Church, Martinsburg, and Mrs. D. Robert Collary of Newry Church, Newry, are co-chairmen for the event.

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By ERNEST J. HOH

LANCASTER—Convention of the Central nnsylvania Synod will take place in Grace urch, Lancaster, which will dedicate its w large Sunday school building on April The new facilities will be a big asset in oediting convention business.

General hospitalization and health insurce for pastors will be one of the recomndations to come before the convention. Whether candidates for ordination shall ordained at future meetings of synod or en the opportunity of being ordained in ir home churches will be another topic. r this year the synod's executive board s asked candidates to be ordained at the ular time on the agenda.

ULC Secretary F. Eppling Reinartz and LC Executive Director Paul C. Empie will among the speakers. Pastor of Grace urch is Dr. Warren C. Heinly.

ZION CHURCH, Lancaster, which is already ing for one DP family has accepted reonsibility of sponsoring four more such ilies.

Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz of the Gettysburg minary faculty delivered the sermon at 60th anniversary service of Emmanuel urch in April. He drew a parallel beeen growth of the Lancaster church with gress made in the Lutheran Church in erica in this same period of time. Inasing interest in religion shown by larger mbership, attendance, financial support, one of the encouraging evidences of the es in which we live, he said.

Dr. G. Morris Smith, president of Susquehanna University, reviewed before the theran Pastoral Association the contribun made by Dr. Martin Luther to a better derstanding of Christian education. Pubeducation, co-education, Christian higher cation were among Luther's emphases.

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quehanna University for which a financial appeal will be made in the Central Pennsylvania Synod this fall.

Dr. Franklin C. Fry was scheduled to speak at a convocation of Franklin and Marshall College on May 1 and to meet with local Lutheran ministers for a conference.

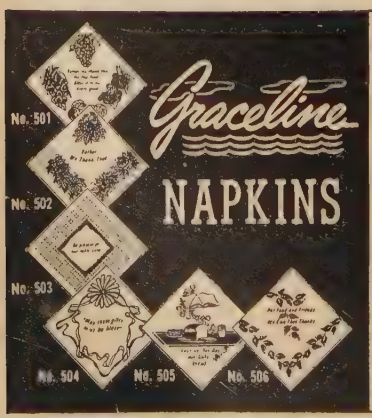
Sunday School to Help Start Mission Work in New Field

By WILLIAM C. ROEGER

NORRISTOWN—A Sunday school started by Trinity Church, Norristown, in neighboring King of Prussia may lay the foundation for a new ULC mission. King of Prussia is an important highway junction within commuting distance from Philadelphia. It had been surveyed twice by the Ministerium's home mission board, but findings had not been encouraging. Recent population increases may have changed this situation.

Home Mission Superintendent Roy L. Winters said the field would again be proposed for development to the Board of American Missions. If approved, a mission developer would be assigned.

In the meantime, mission-conscious Trinity Church had earmarked earlier a substantial sum in its budget to help in the establishment of a mission congregation. Recently it decided to start a Sunday school in King of Prussia as a first step toward mission work



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Assisting in the service were Pastors Russell Swartley of St. Timothy's Church, Philadelphia, and Merwyn L. Shelly, of the Kellers-Tohickon Parish, and Gunars Ansons, Philadelphia Seminary student.

St. James' Church, Pottstown, broke ground for a parish house. Speaker was Dr. Corson C. Snyder, Allentown.

A CHURCH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CONTEST was held between Church of Our Saviour, Coatesville, and Church of Our Saviour, Philadelphia. Theme was "Climbing Mountains," and each week during Lent the churches heard a message about one of the mountains of the Bible. In previous years the Coatesville church had engaged in similar contests with other Lutheran churches of the same name.

Dr. Henry H. Bagger, president of the Philadelphia Seminary, was guest speaker at services observing the 50th anniversary of St. Paul's Church, Telford. Also taking part were Pastors Lester Fetter of Reading, Raymond Fetter of Elizabethtown, and Lester Stoneback of Philadelphia, sons of the congregation. Ray Nyce, under appointment as a missionary to Malaya, and Donald Landis, a student at Philadelphia Seminary, also come from St. Paul's. Singled out for special recognition was Mr. Wallace Wolf, for more than 40 years the congregation's church school superintendent and choirmaster.

The convention of the Norristown Conference Luther League in Grace Church, Royersford, elected as president Gloria Strouse (Little Zion, Indianfield), as vice president Shirley Dennis (Trinity, Quakertown), as secretary Barbara Fretz (St. James', Chalfont), as treasurer Shirley Jones (St. Paul's, Doylestown), and as financial secretary Gail Griffith (St. John's, Phoenixville).

Dr. Albert P. Stauderman, associate editor of THE LUTHERAN, addressed 150 members of the women's groups of Trinity Church, Norristown, on April 12 on the topic "What's Going On in the Church." He said major items of discussion at the ULCA convention would be missions, men, money and marriage.

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		Greensburg (South), Pa.
		Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.
		Mansfield, Ohio
		Burlington, Iowa
ay	13-18	West Penn, Pa.
		Yokum-Victoria, Tex.
		Montreal, Quebec, Canada

ARTBURG

onvention to Hear Moll ive LWA Report

By ARNOLD H. KAITSCHUK

CHICAGO—A report on Lutheran World tion will be given to delegates of the artburg Synod's 81st convention by Dr. win Moll, Board of Foreign Missions sec- ary and former representative of the Lu- eran World Federation in Palestine.

ULC representative at the convention, to held May 15-17 at St. John's Church, ringfield, Ill., will be Dr. Charles E. Fritz, sident of the Georgia-Alabama Synod.

RECEIVED into the synod will be a congre- ion of 219 members organized in 1930. nstitution of St. John's Church, Baroda, ch., was approved by the synod's examin- ; committee previously. Pastor is the Rev. H. Pfeiffer who was instrumental in bring- ; two other congregations, St. John's in eman, Ill., and St. Paul's in Medford, Wis., o the synod.

A field in the eastern section of Belleville, Ill., has been assigned for development to the Wartburg Synod by the Regional Mission Board. Appointment of a mission developer is pending.

A 96-YEAR-OLD WOMAN was baptized by ster A. G. Suechting of St. John's Church, mbell Hill, Ill., on Good Friday. Miss ary Quilman had requested baptism in the lining years of her life.

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7- 9.	Indiana. Trinity and St. Luke, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
7-10.	Pacific Southwest. Faith, Phoenix, Ariz.
8-10.	Mississippi. Providence, Burns, Miss.
13-16.	West Virginia. Jackson's Mill, W. Va.
14-16.	Florida. St. Mark, Miami, Fla.
14-16.	Michigan. Redeemer, Lansing, Mich.
14-17.	Illinois. St. Mark, St. Louis, Mo.
14-17.	Pacific. Trinity, Longview, Wash.
14-17.	Central States. Trinity, Lawrence, Kan.
15-17.	Northwest. Pentecost, Milwaukee, Wis.
15-17.	Wartburg. St. John, Springfield, Ill.
20-22.	Caribbean. Holy Trinity, Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I.
21-23.	Central Pennsylvania. Grace, Lancaster, Pa.
21-23.	New Jersey. St. John, Ocean City, N. J.
21-24.	Iowa. St. Paul, Clinton, Iowa
21-24.	Ohio. First, Findlay, Ohio
21-24.	Pennsylvania Ministerium. The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
21-24.	Texas and Louisiana. First United, Dallas, Texas
21-24.	Maryland. Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa.
22-24.	Rocky Mountain. Bethlehem, Los Alamos, New Mexico
28-31.	New York and New England. First, Albany, N. Y.

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HREE Wartburg churches participated in Garnavillo, Iowa, area mission, April 29 May 4. They were Zion, Clayton Center; Paul's, Guttenberg; and St. Paul's, Garnavillo.

ARTBURG AND ILLINOIS SYNOD churches eduled an area evangelism mission for Northern Illinois Area the week of Dec. 956. Involved are 23 churches.

T. JOHN'S CHURCH, West Allis, Wis., the . D. P. Dovemuehle pastor, will relocate. congregation voted to purchase a half of land for $26,000 on one of the main ways that links the western suburbs with waukee. A building fund campaign was ted last November and is progressing .

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NECK, ALBERT. To Atonement Church, hiladelphia.

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IN CONCLUSION . . . . . .

TO SIFT THROUGH the news that pours into the offices of THE LUTHERAN each week is a major task.

Propaganda colors much of the news. In the muddled Middle East situation, for example, there are Zionist Jews in America who believe that the United States should regard Israel as its 49th state and non-Zionist Jews who object strenuously to any such concept. The Arab states have a well-oiled publicity machine that presents their side of the picture.

If accounts sent out by these sources were to be accepted at face value, it would seem that all sides were quietly sitting on their own front porch, minding their own business, while the others came around and tried to set fire to the house. Obviously there's something wrong with that picture. A religious news magazine editor does not have to become an international court of inquiry to decide what is right, but he does have to separate fact from fiction and form selective opinions about the truth of the news.

PERSPECTIVE ALSO plays an important part in news presentation. Any visitor from afar who read the Philadelphia newspapers during April would have come to the conclusion that a certain wedding in Monaco was an earth-shaking event equal in importance to the invention of the wheel or man's discovery of fire. To some people, the wedding was important. But to others it was nothing more than an exciting fairy tale with no deeper meaning.

You can multiply Israel and Monaco a thousand times in any week in this complex world. There's so much going on that our jaded news appetite feeds on the sensational and often overlooks the quieter but more important part of life. Let four thousand pastors faithfully lead their congregations in a search for religious truth and we accept it as hardly worth mentioning. But just let one of those pastors swing from the chandelier during his sermon or denounce some part of the creed, and it can spiral into a national event with full coverage by the wire services.

In presenting the general church news, THE LUTHERAN each week has to boil a million words down to a few thousand. The staff would quite willingly go to Monaco or some other glamorous spot for first-hand coverage of the sensational events of the day, but that would hardly prove useful to discriminating readers who want their church paper to help them interpret the issues on the basis of facts and with as much perspective as possible.

IN SELECTING the news, we have to take into consideration that most readers also watch television, listen to the radio, see current newspapers. An old editor once said, "You can't scratch every man where he itches." What we can best do is to present the material that seems most important in each week's news as it affects our church life. Some such items, almost insignificant in themselves, may provide the piece of information that helps complete a pattern, just as a tiny missing piece of a jigsaw puzzle may prove the whole clue to solution.

To make this possible, we report good things about churches and nations as well as the less-publicized ones that some commercial publications may be afraid to handle. Editors can't do much better than follow Mark Twain's admonition: "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

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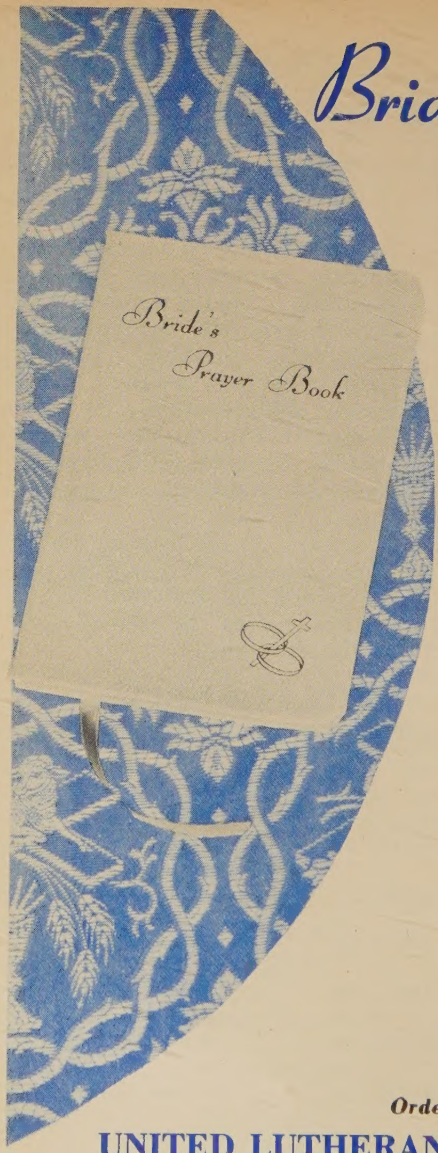

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